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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/690,527

Applicant(s)

IWAHAMA ET AL.

Examiner

Rosalynd Keys

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2005 and 14 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2,3 and 5-7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-8 are pending.

Claims 1 and 8 are rejected.

Claim 4 is objected

Claims 2, 3 and 5-7 are withdrawn from consideration.

Election/Restrictions

2. See previous office action, mailed December 30, 2004.
3. New claim 8 reads upon the elected species. Thus it will be examined along with claims 1 and 4. Claims 2, 3 and 5-7 remain withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 8 is indefinite because the named compound 1,4-bis(1-methyl-1-vinyloxyethyl)benzene does not coincide with the disclosed compound formula (1) when R² is hydrogen and R^a in formula (3) is a methyl group. In order to coincide R² should be methyl and R^a in formula (3) should be hydrogen.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nobuo et al. (JP 07-333797).

Nobuo et al. disclose compounds of the claimed formula (1) (see for example compound A-23, A-27, A-30, A-33, A-50 and A-59 on pages 9-12 of the computer translation of the detailed description).

8. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamura et al. (EP 0 167 762).

Nakamura et al. disclose a compound of the claimed formula (1), wherein r, p and m are 1; q and n are 0; W is a single bond, R is a group of the formula (3); and R¹, R², R^a, R^b and R^c are hydrogen (see compound 30 on page 8).

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments, see paragraph 3 on page 8 of the office action, filed March 30, 2005, with respect to Hercules Powder Company (GB 932,670) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claim 1 has been withdrawn.

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Allowable Subject Matter


10. Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. Claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rosalyn Keys whose telephone number is 571-272-0639. The examiner can normally be reached on M and F 3:00-8:00 pm and T-TR 5:30-10:30 am.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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